

East Vidette on the Pacific Crest Trail, Kings Canyon National Park

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Note: Report changes/updates are in blue



Significant Events - National

US Prosecutors: New Spy Case Shows Russia up to Old Tricks

(AP) Three men accused in the latest Russian spy case didn't hide behind fake identities and weren't stealing military secrets. The evidence even suggests they were annoyed that their assignment wasn't more like a James Bond film. Their alleged plot to dig up "economic intelligence" on possible banking penalties and alternative energy sources may not be the stuff of Hollywood movies, but U.S. authorities insist the case is proof that Russian spying is thriving in America more than two decades after the end of the Cold War. It also shows the time and resources the U.S. still throws at those suspected of being Putin-era spies, using methods developed before many of them were born: listening bugs, hidden cameras and intercepted phone calls.

Officials: Detainee Swapped for Bergdahl Suspected of Militant Activities

(CNN) The U.S. military and intelligence community now suspect that one of the five Taliban detainees released from Guantanamo Bay in return for Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl in May of last year has attempted to return to militant activity from his current location in Qatar by making contact with suspected Taliban associates in Afghanistan, multiple officials tell CNN. The development has led to an ongoing debate inside the administration about whether there is a new threat from this man, and potentially the other four. This is the first known suggestion that any of the detainees involved in the exchange may be trying to engage again in militant activity.

Significant Events - International

Japan Outraged at IS 'Beheading' of Hostage Kenji Goto

(BBC News) Prime Minister Abe said Japan would work with the international community to bring those responsible for Mr. Goto's apparent murder to justice. Japan has reacted with anger and defiance to a video appearing to show the beheading of Japanese hostage Kenji Goto by an Islamic State militant. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said Japan "would not give in to terrorism" and that he would expand his support to countries fighting IS. IS has cited Japanese aid as a reason for the hostage taking. The video comes less than a week after the apparent beheading of another Japanese man, Haruna Yukawa.

North Korea Says U.S. Rejects Invitation to Pyongyang

(Reuters) North Korea said on Sunday the United States had rejected an invitation to send one of its top diplomats to Pyongyang, accusing Washington of trying to shift the blame for the deadlock in de-nuclearization talks on the North. Sung Kim has been meeting with officials of the countries that had been part of the so-called six-party talks in the past week in Tokyo and Beijing, where he said it was up to the North to show it was serious about ending its nuclear program. Pyongyang has said it was willing to suspend nuclear testing if the United States halted annual joint military drills with South Korea. Washington and Seoul rejected the proposal saying the drills were for defensive purposes.

Highly Pathogenic H5N8 Avian Influenza Confirmed in Commercial Turkey Flock in California

Jan. 24, 2015— In a press release, the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic (HPAI) H5N8 avian influenza in a commercial turkey flock in Stanislaus County, California. This is the first finding of HPAI in commercial poultry during the ongoing disease incident in the Pacific Flyway. **No human cases of these avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States, Canada, or internationally, and there continues to be no immediate public health concern.** APHIS and CDFA have initiated an incident command response, and APHIS will assist the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) in depopulating the remaining birds on the property to prevent the spread of the disease.

- Cal OES Telecommunications Duty Officer (TDO) and California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA) are providing assistance to CDFA and USDA to ensure adequate cellular communications connectivity at the designated ICP. Telecommunications continues to work with CUEA and Verizon Wireless assisting CDFA with communications support.
- Mission 2015-INLAND-8419 has been opened and an incident has been created in Cal EOC: 2015-01-24 Stanislaus H5N8 Avian Influenza.
- Cal OES Inland Region has deployed a field Emergency Services Coordinator to the ICP to assist CDFA and USDA. The hours of operation are 0800 – 1900. The field ESC demobilized from the ICP on 01/31.
- The USDA IMAT #4 and one representative from CDFA will utilize Cal OES facilities as their operations center. All other State
 department representatives are working from their headquarter locations to support the activation. IMT#4 Operational Period will be
 from 0730 1730 hours. An joint ICP with USDA/CDFA has been opened in Stanislaus County. The hours of operation are 0800 to
 1900.
- On 01/30 depopulation of the infected flock was completed. Surveillance of the control area continues with the remaining residents not yet contacted in person. Outreach was completed in all six counties.
- Delivery of outreach information (about the disease and the importance of protecting domestic birds from infection) to various agriculture
 groups, organizations, agencies, feed stores, pet stores, and veterinary clinics was completed in three counties. Outreach is scheduled
 to continue tomorrow in three additional counties.
- The field ESC at the ICP has discussed resource needs not available through normal CDFA/USDA channels. To date, these needs have been met locally.



Structure Fires, 22nd and Hyde Streets, San Francisco

SF DEM has decided to open a shelter at 1800 on 1/30/15 for 80 residents that were displaced in two recent fires (1/28 displaced 67 and 1/29 displaced 23). Because residents had been given 2 day hotel vouchers, SF DEM expects that they will need sheltering starting tonight and, possibly through Friday, Feb 6.

The shelter at 1156 Valencia Street (Mission Corps Community Center) will be staffed by the American Red Cross with meal support provided by the Salvation Army. Coastal Region Duty Officer (CDO) continues to monitor the situation. Overnight shelter population: 34

At 1844 hours on 1/31/15, Cal OES CDO advised per SF DEM they will not be sheltering any people from an additional fire that occurred on McAllister on 1/31/15. The fire displaced 25 people and their long term needs will be assessed in the coming days. The total displaced persons registered with Red Cross in San Francisco is 105.

Weather of Concern

· No significant Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

• SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

Dry weather will continue through today in most areas, but a weakening upper ridge and several approaching systems are expected to bring light to moderate rainfall to areas north of Cape Mendocino late this afternoon through late Tuesday. Dry weather will return briefly on Wednesday followed by another wet pattern late in the week.

Medford Weather:

Today represents a transition day towards an active weather pattern after weeks of generally stagnant weather. A weak frontal system will move through the area today bringing generally light rain to the area. A second, more potent cold frontal boundary will bring more rain tonight through Monday night with snow levels at 7500 feet and higher. This boundary will stall Monday night over Northern California and then get re-energized as another shot of significant moisture arrives Tuesday morning. Ridging builds overhead Wednesday and this should be the driest day of the week. Thursday into Friday has the potential of being a heavy rain and strong wind event.

Reno Weather:

High pressure over the Sierra Nevada today will weaken Monday and Tuesday as weak systems move into Oregon and Washington. Some showers are possible near the Oregon Border both days with mostly cloudy skies and mild temperatures elsewhere. High pressure will strengthen again for midweek with continued mild temperatures and dry conditions. A warm Pacific storm may affect Northern California and Nevada next weekend.

San Francisco Weather:

High pressure will maintain dry and mild weather across the region through the middle of the week. A Pacific weather system will likely spread rain into the San Francisco Bay area late in the week, with rain possibly reaching as far south as the Monterey Bay Area. Rain could be heavy at times in the North Bay late in the week and into the weekend.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Light precipitation possible in far northern portions late today through Tuesday night. Above normal temperatures still expected next week. Night and morning fog possible in the Central Valley today into early next week. Weather forecast indicates an increasing confidence in a wet pattern returning late in the week.

Hanford Weather:

A ridge of high pressure will bring dry weather and above normal afternoon temperatures to the Central California interior through at least Thursday, with areas of night and morning fog in the San Joaquin Valley.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

High pressure aloft will result in dry weather and slightly above normal temperatures for much of this week. A frontal system may bring some light rain to the Central Coast Friday into Saturday.

Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

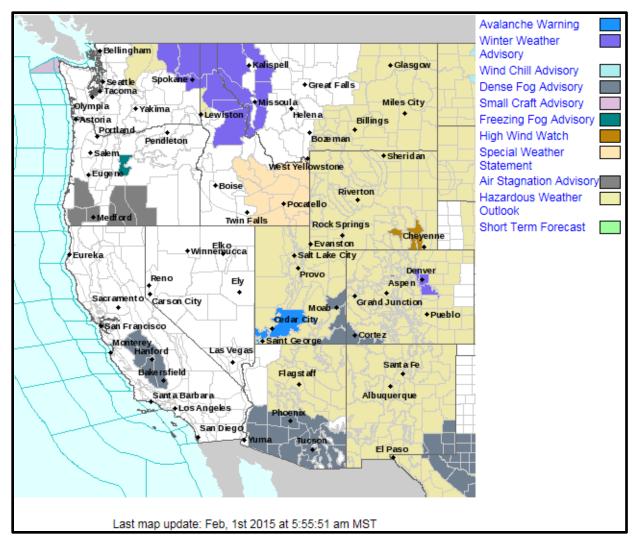
High pressure will bring dry weather through next weekend. High temperatures will be near average near the coast and around 10 degrees above average for inland areas. The marine layer and weak onshore flow will bring areas of night and morning coastal low clouds and fog with greater coverage and inland extent around midweek.

Southeast California Weather:

In the wake of an exiting low pressure system, areas of fog, potentially dense across the south central deserts, will be possible through the morning hours due to abundant moisture and clearing skies. High pressure will quickly cover the area today bringing clearing skies, dry weather, and warmer temperatures. The dry conditions will persist through the week while a warming trend allow for high to reach near 80 degrees across the lower deserts by the end of the work week.



STATE WEATHER MAP



FIRE ACTIVITY

Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php

NWS California River Forecast Center:

http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/



RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals
 and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters
 recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano
 counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interested physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also
 made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and
 Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received and 15 have withdrawn for a total of 48 FEMA approved open applications.
- Kickoff Meeting: 56 Kickoff Meetings have been completed leaving 1 remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue. It is currently anticipated all kickoff meetings will be complete by 1/31/2015.
- PW: 215 PWs are anticipated to be written as a result of the Napa Earthquake. Currently, 75 PWs are in draft, 85 PWs are entered into the federal database system, 62 of which have been obligated.
- Exit Briefing: 16 applicants have had Exit briefings conducted.

Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa and Solano Counties regarding Long Term Recovery efforts. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is providing funds to hire initial case management staff for the Napa Earthquake Recovery Group (aka, eNERGy) and the Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG). Both Long Term Recovery Groups are seeking funds from partner agencies to assist with unmet needs.
- Assistance Centers The Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Napa transitioned to an SBA DLOC on Tuesday 12/30/14. The smaller operation maintains a presence by SBA staff. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

2014 Statewide December Winter Storms

On 12/22/14, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties to allow Caltrans to formally request immediate assistance through FHWA's ER Program in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction for damages sustained as a result of the statewide storms impacting California. After assessing the damages, Caltrans is requesting the Governor update his proclamation to include Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Los Angeles, Monterey, Orange, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sonoma, Tehama, and Yolo Counties. Cal OES' Recovery Section conducted an assessment to verify the Counties of Lake, Marin, San Mateo, Sonoma, and Tehama's Public Assistance estimates for debris removal, emergency work, and permanent restoration of public facilities in order to determine potential eligibility for State funding.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Regional (Inland, Costal, Southern) conference calls will occur once a month beginning February 9, 2015.



CAL OES Missions

Ongoing Cal OES Missions

2015-INLAND-8419, 1/24/2015, 2012 hours, One Cal OES Telecommunications Coordinator, ACS personnel, and a COW (cell on wheels) deployed to ICP in Warnersville, Stanislaus County, to support communications regarding CDFA activity with H5N8 Avian Influenza. Mission Ongoing



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.